Diocese of Monterey-Fresno

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September 19, 1963

Mrs. James Dickie
Rt. 1, Box 101
Carmel Highlands, California

Dear Mrs. Dickie:

Jim delivered to me the Pastoral Letter of Cardinal Mercier. It is, indeed, the most beautiful example of the typographer's work that I have seen in many a year, and I appreciate the gift with all my heart. We are trying, at the present time, to set up a display in the seminary library and this book will form an extremely important section of it.

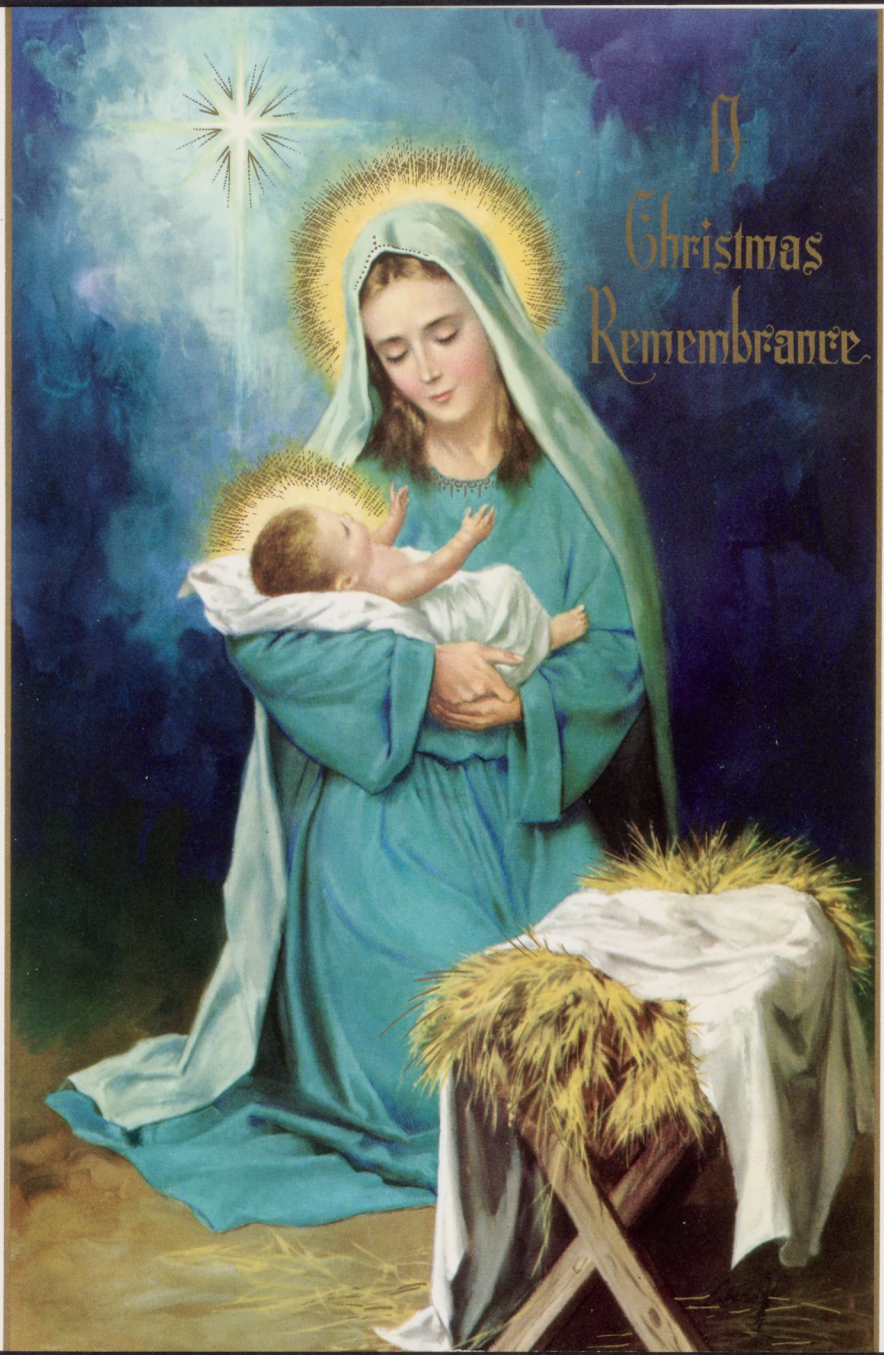
May our blessed Lord be always with you and yours, and may He reward you for this kindness to me and to the diocese.

My very best to Jim.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ A J Willinger ss

Bishop of Monterey-Fresno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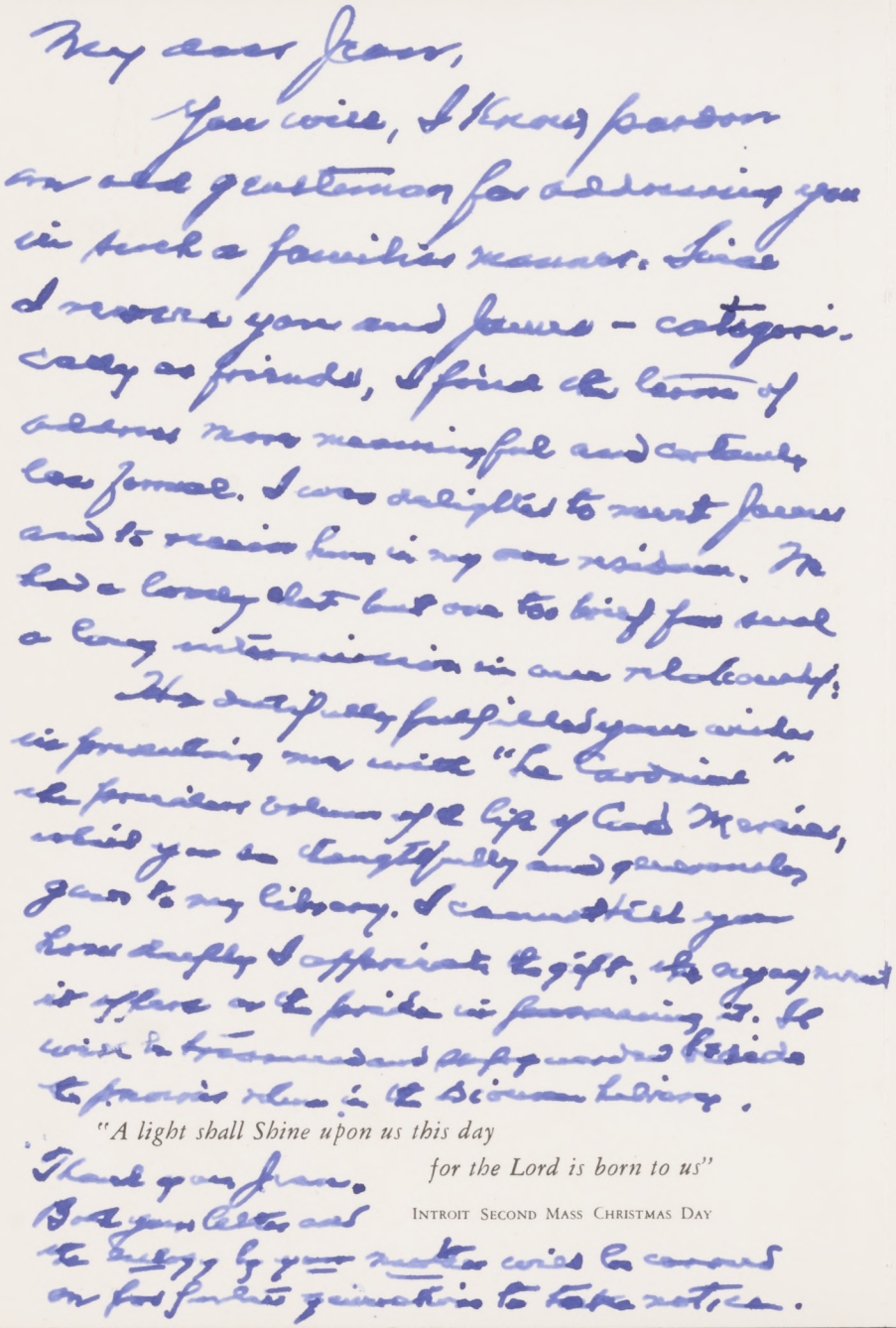

My dear Jean,

You will, I know, pardon an old gentleman for addressing you in such a familiar manner. Since I revere you and James – categorically as friends, I find it less of a chore to address more meaningful and certainly less formal. I was delighted to meet James and to receive him in my own residence. We had a lovely chat but one too brief for me and a long conversation in our absence!

He dutifully fulfilled your wish in presenting me with "La Cardine" the finished volume of the life of Card Manning, which you so thoughtfully and generously gave to my library. I cannot tell you how deeply I appreciate the gift, the assignment it affords me & the pride in possessing it. The wish to treasure and perhaps read it beside the fireplace when in the Solomon Islands.

"A light shall Shine upon us this day
for the Lord is born to us"
INTROIT SECOND MASS CHRISTMAS DAY

Thank you Jean.
For your letter and the happy tidings by your mother which I cannot find further words to take notice.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY
YOU SHALL BE REMEMBERED
IN MY HOLY MASSES.
MAY THE CHRIST CHILD
BLESS YOU
AND YOUR LOVED ONES
DURING THE NEW YEAR.

Every best wish and prayer that the good Lord favors you today and always with His choicest gifts in the treasury of His Divine Providence.

+ Hubert Wilkinson CP

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FESTIVITIES OF THE JUBILEE

You are cordially invited to attend
The Reunion with the Diocesan Clergy
on May 24, 1971.

Holy Mass at St. Anne's Chapel
of Ryan Seminary
at 3:00 P.M.

accepted

Dinner at 5:30 P.M.
at the
Russell Giffen Ranch.

R.S.V.P. - Box 335, Sanger, California 93657

Reunion with Family, April 26, 1971

Reunion with Order of The Most Holy Redeemer
May 23, 1971

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Dear Friends:

I'd love to have you
near me on this grand
and exceptional occasion.
If you cannot attend any
of the festivities, be assured
that you are always welcome
at the Bishop's House and
Thanksgiving Blvd when a feast
awaits you.

How are you? I pray
for the best of you - for the good
Lord to bless and favor you
with health and happiness.

Greetings and appreciation
of a treasured friendship

+ H. J. Wilson D.D.

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Colin's godmother Kirsty Brown reads.

Jean & Jim at
Bishop Williams's
Jubilee
in Detroit

To All Priests, Religious and Faithful in the Diocese of Fresno

This year our beloved retired Bishop, His Excellency the Most Reverend Aloysius J. Willinger, C.Ss.R., D.D., will celebrate the happy occasion of the 60th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination and the 42nd Anniversary of his Episcopal Consecration.

I join everyone in the Diocese — priests, religious and laity — in offering my wholehearted congratulations and best wishes to him.

Because of the Bishop's age he refrains from having anything of a public nature to celebrate this occcasion. However, there will be a private celebration at which his relatives, lay friends, and above all his fellow priests will honor the Jubilarian on this happy dual occasion.

Bishop Willinger has been a great missionary priest and Bishop for many decades. He left lasting memorials of his labors and love for the clergy, religious and laity, not only in his first Diocese of Ponce in Puerto Rico, where he labored for over 30 years, but for those in our own Diocese as well.

He came to the then Monterey-Fresno Diocese at the request of Pope Pius XII in 1947 and was received by all with enthusiasm and graciousness. He came leaving material possessions behind and bringing with him a great zeal for the spiritual and material welfare of the Diocese. He planned and encouraged the building of many Churches, schools and rectories throughout the far-reaching Diocese. Hospitals were built and enlarged due to his encouragement and foresight.

All of us in the Diocese of Fresno extend to Bishop Willinger our profound best wishes, thanks and appreciation for all he has accomplished while Shepherd of the souls in our midst. We offer our fervent prayer to Almighty God for his spiritual and temporal welfare.

Date of Ordination July 2, 1911
Feast of the Purification

Hugh A. Donohoe
Bishop of Fresno

"THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER"

Most Rev. Aloysius J. Willinger, C.Ss.R

Address given by our former Bishop, now retired, on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee as a priest. It contains much food for the souls of all priests, religious and laity.

ONE OF MARY'S GIFTS to us has been good Marian Bishops, who love her, and foster love and devotion to her; such as our former Bishop, Most Rev. Aloysius J. Willinger, C.Ss.R., (and his successors, Archbishop Timothy Manning now of Los Angeles, California, and Bishop Hugh A. Donohoe of Fresno). A man of vision, long before Vatican Council II issued its Decree On The Laity, Bishop Willinger saw the need for using them as apostolic instruments in the Church's mission of saving souls. Back in 1955, he gave his official approval for us to establish the Apostolate of Christian Action, and its publication DIVINE LOVE.

In April of 1971, Bishop Willinger celebrated his Diamond Jubilee as a priest of God. At a Mass for the clergy of the Diocese, and for friends and relatives, Bishop Willinger gave the following address, which is most timely in view of the many crises facing God's priests, and religious in the Church today.

Our beloved former Bishop always enjoyed hearing from friends and subscribers to DIVINE LOVE. In his retirement years, as he prepares to go home to Heaven, why not send a few words of greetings and prayers to help cheer his heart. He will treasure these far more than all the diamonds and jewels in the world. Write direcly to:

Most Rev. Aloysius J. Willinger, C.Ss.R.
3611 Huntington Boulevard
Fresno, California 93702

DEAR FRIENDS: Sometime ago I read in a Dublin newspaper about a wise old Irish scholar, who had dedicated his life's labors to the compilation of native legendry and history. He had completed five massive tomes and, on the last page of the last tome, inscribed in large letters the word **"Finis."** Then in parenthesis added: **"Here is where the world began."**

On this historic and memorable occasion, the 60th anniversary of my priestly Ordination, the 42nd of my Episcopacy, and the 85th of my mortal existence, the aforesaid postscript — amusing as it may be — appears strangely relevant to today's festivity.

The word **"Finis"** or **"the end"** applies to the not too distant conclusion of a priestly life and labors; while the words **"Here is where the world began,"** should be made to read: **"Here is where the world ends and eternity begins."** Man's famous last words.

On the pathway of our priestly pilgrimage and service there are three outstanding milestones: the first marks the 25th Anniversary of Ordination; the second, the 50th Anniversary; and the third the 60th Anniversary.

The first milestone, commonly recognized as the Silver Jubilee is universally ambitioned and genuinely idealized by every youthful ordinatus. His age assures it; his mind visualizes it; while statistics confirm it. The greater percentage of newly ordained reach the coveted goal.

The second milestone — the Golden Jubilee — is double the mileage of the first. In other words, if you are 50 years of age when you reach your Silver Jubilee, you'll have to be 75 years old to celebrate your Golden Anniversary. Here is where statistical averages are stacked against you. At 75 you shall have advanced in age beyond the peak of maturity. You are actually on the downward arc of life's span and terminus. In consequence, and in spite of longevity pills, only a narrow percentage of priests attain it. Most of the Golden Jubilarians I have known, who lived to celebrate it, either made it on crutches or in a wheelchair — or in absentia, bedridden in a hospital. No wonder that the late beloved Bishop Morris of Little Rock, Arkansas, became so agitated at his Golden Jubilee Mass, that he could not wait to reach the pulpit — but, exploding with enthusiasm, cried out all the way to it: **"I've made it, I've made it, Blessed be the Lord."**

I might add here that, in this regard, Religious have an advantage over their secular counterparts, due to the fact that the former also celebrate the anniversaries of their Religious Profession; which antidate the day of Ordination by at least five years, thereby assuring them of a prior lease on life and health, and accounting for more Religious Jubilee celebrations than those among the secular priests.

The final milestone in life's ebbing sunset is the 60th Anniversary of Ordination, commonly called but not ordinarily held — the priest's Diamond Jubilee. Here again, the odds are overwhelmingly against the

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candidate. At 85 years of age, the common denominator — the "aging process" — is in full swing. Vision grows dim, hearing fades out, the mind is less active, the memory less coordinated, and mobility less mobile. In a word, the priest who reaches that advanced stage of life, without any or some of the symptoms which senility implies, may indeed consider himself by nature lucky, and by grace most blessed; because in the face of statistics, he is reckoned as an exception that in itself calls for extra recognition and jubilation.

Now there are other Jubilees and other anniversaries, thanksgivings for favors received, commemorations of historic events, persons and places. But the Jubilee of the priesthood is quite distinctive, and has a place all its own. It centers in and revolves around the Sacrament of Orders, with its climax in the Priesthood of Christ.

Exalted Vocation

My dear friends and companions, have you ever been asked how it feels to be a Catholic priest? Have you not found it difficult to answer the question adequately? As I celebrate my 60th year in the priesthood, I must confess that I find it so. For the priesthood is one of God's most marvelous vocations, and, like any masterpiece, has facets of meaning, whose splendor can never be exhausted.

To know that one is a member of that divine fraternity, to whom our Lord entrusted the very mission given Him by His Heavenly Father; to realize that one is a brother of inspired Apostles, heroic martyrs and fearless confessors; to share the common bond of Christ's priesthood with history's greatest men: Peter and Paul, Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, Francis Xavier, Alphonsus, and so on — this is one of the greatest blessings of my life.

But even the great honor of fraternal association — with the spiritual giants of history, that the priesthood confers, pales into insignificance when we probe more deeply into the inner meaning of this mysterious work of the Divine Master. The everlasting beauty and the secret power of this vocation flow from the fact that a **priest is Christ in the world today.**

What words can express the emotions that fill the heart of a priest? To know that Christ hears a dying sinner's pleading voice through the ears of a priest; that He speaks comforting words of forgiveness to a modern Dismas or Mary Magdalen through the mouth of a priest; and through the hands of a priest Christ feeds the multitude today — with the living bread of His own Body.

Do you wonder, then, that it is difficult for me to express the sentiments that overwhelm me, as I go back to the day — some 60 years ago — on which I knelt before the saintly Bishop Cusack of New York City, to receive the Holy Spirit and the power of priestly orders; to relive the glorious day of Ordination when the Litanies were intoned; to beg the intercession of the heavenly hosts, that Almighty God might give me the temporary and spiritual favors so much needed in my holy vocation; and especially, that I might be blessed and sanctified and consecrated for a priest's exalted work and weighty responsibilities.

Memory brings to mind that ineffable moment when, into my hands freshly anointed, was placed the Chalice of Benediction, and with it the power to offer the sacrifice of the Mass for the living and the dead! It recalls the liturgy of the act, when the stole I wore as a deacon over my left shoulder was placed by the Bishop around my neck, as a symbol of the sweet yoke of Christ, which I must henceforth bear, and the chasuble, the emblem of Christ's love, was unfolded about me — so that, clothed in charity, I might exercise the tremendous power not given to angels: **"Whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven, and whose sins you shall retain — they are retained."**

All these thoughts, after a lapse of 60 years, pour in upon my mind and heart today, and, meditating upon them, the words of the Psalmist spring to my lips: **"What return shall I make to the Lord for all the things He has done for me! I will take the chalice of salvation; I will call upon the Name of the Lord; I will go to the Altar of God, to God Who gives joy to my youth!"**

That is why, my dear fellow-priests, your Jubilarian marks his Diamond Jubilee with the sacrifice of the Mass, and offers it as an oblation of Thanksgiving for the priceless blessings and divine favors that have accompanied me, during the long cross-bearing years of my priestly ministry.

There is a time in every man's life — when he would like to possess — the muse of a poet, the touch of a virtuoso, or the brush of an artist to express, both opportunely and adequately, the bewildering force of emotions that stir within his breast. Most predominant and most befitting on this grand occasion, is the sense of gratitude. **"I am as one in a dream"** says the psalmist (Ps. 125). **"My mouth is filled with happiness, my tongue with jubilation; for great are the things that the Lord has done to me."**

Heartfelt Thanks To Many

Vividly suggested in today's priestly Jubilee are the Love and Mercy of God; His Divine benevolence in investing me with Holy Orders; and His Divine forebearance in tolerating the frailties of His human instrument. In recognition of this magnificent and grand expression of Divine regard, it is seemingly my first duty in today's fortuitous circumstances to offer heartfelt thanks to Almighty God, to Our Blessed Lady, and all my saintly intercessors in Heaven.

After God, as the Progenitor of the priesthood, we turn in reverential gratitude to the Mother who so tenderly and carefully fostered my vocation, watched its development, and brought it to flowering and fruition, namely — the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. Whatever virtue I display, whatever learning I possess, whatever position I have held all stem from the religious community to which I belong and hope to remain — the least among my brethren and sons of the great St. Alphonsus Maria de Ligouri. I am honored, and naturally both pleased and grateful to Very Reverend Father Joseph Kerins, the Provincial of the Eastern Province and his entourage of confreres, including my dear friend Mr. Paul Maloney, who have made the long journey to honor this grand occasion, and to add to its joy and precious memory. Through them I extend my fraternal blessing to the brethren back home.

I take this occasion to express a word of courtesy and deep regard to my worthy successors, Archbishop Manning of the Metropolitan See of Los Angeles, and Bishop Donohoe the present occupant. They are churchmen whom I admire for their exceptional qualities of mind and heart. We wish them God's grace of enlightenment and courage, without which today's critical problems, deadly influences, and evil currents cannot be met or surmounted.

To the beloved Clergy, religious and secular, to the consecrated Religious, men and women, and to all the faithful — of both the old and new jurisdictions of the former Monterey-Fresno Diocese, I renew my admiration, appreciation and gratitude for the many years of concord and peace, spent in united fellowship and service. We shall never forget the pleasantry of your association, nor the harmony of your relations. We had but one idealogy and one purpose — that of being disciples of Christ and the servants of His people. We stood steadfast in our faith, comforted by our pious devotions, and ever loyal to our conscientious commitments. May I ask: Is such the universal attitude of the present? Hardly, as you well know.

Virus Infecting The Church

Instead, there is a spiritual virus abroad, seriously infecting the Church, both in its leadership as well as membership. The individuals infected — and they are countless — show all the symptoms and banal effects of moral and mental paralysis. Since I am talking to priests, let me confine my remarks to our profession. Assuredly, we are mature enough, learned enough, to analyze the basic qualities of our priestly calling, and relate them to the present scandalous crisis. Remember, it is not the habit that makes the monk, not the cassock that makes the priest, not the capa magna that makes the Bishop. The priesthood is not the profession of actors, nor is it the make-believe of their acting. Neither does physique nor idiosyncracies enter into the picture of an Alter Christus. There are, however, certain vital indispensable elements; certain genuine, sterling virtues that distinguish the priesthood and constitute its nobility and effectiveness.

Permit me to suggest that, perhaps — more than ever before — the Church has urgent need at the moment, for priests and Bishops displaying the intrinsic heritage of their profession. Who is there prepared to deny that we must have Bishops and priests of enormous faith, profound faith; a faith that permeates their very heart and soul, their thinking; a faith so strong that they act with an instinct of faith. The Church has need — and, alas! mankind has need — of Bishops and priests whose faith in Christ, as the Son of God is so firm and uncompromising that nothing — not even death — will separate them from the Faith.

Who is there who would deny that we must have Bishops and priests who are

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SWORD OF VICTORY AND GARMENT OF SALVATION

Two of Mary's greatest gifts to us are the Most Holy Rosary and the Brown Scapular. Both are powerful spiritual weapons, backed by Our Lady's promises of protection and many graces.

ACCORDING TO pious legend, various Saints are reported to have said: **"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world."** We do not know if these words are true. However, it is interesting to note that at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, as part of Almighty God's "Peace Plan From Heaven," Our Blessed Mother did call special attention to and recommend BOTH the Rosary and the Brown Scapular. As far as we know, this is the only time this has happened.

At Fatima, Our Lady told the three little children that they should say the Rosary every day, and even said it with them. On October 13, 1917, she said: **"I AM THE LADY OF THE ROSARY. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. PEOPLE MUST SAY THE ROSARY. LET THEM CONTINUE SAYING IT EVERY DAY!**

While the miracle of the sun was taking place at Fatima, on October 13, 1917, before some 70,000 people, the three little children saw three remarkable visions in the heavens. First, they saw the Holy Family, of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with St. Joseph blessing the world—perhaps to show the importance of the family in a day when every effort is being made to destroy it. Secondly, they saw the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows, with Our Lord, Who this time blessed the world. Finally, they saw Our Blessed Mother dressed in the brown robes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, together with the Infant Jesus. She was holding out to the crowd the Brown Scapular—as though she wished the people to take it.

PART 1 - SWORD OF VICTORY

Many times, during the history of the world, Christianity in general, and the Catholic Faith in particular, have been threatened with grave dangers by diabolical forces seeking to destroy them—much like the forces of Atheistic Communism are trying to do today. But always, these major heresies and attacks have been defeated by Our Lady, through the power of the Rosary.

In the 12th Century, there arose the terrible heresy of the Albigensians, who proclaimed the false doctrines that marriage, sex and lawful pleasure were evil, and suicide was a good thing. St. Dominic had little success in combatting these errors. In weariness, he turned to Our Lady, imploring her help; and she gave him the Rosary to preach as a means of combatting the heresy. So successfully did Dominic and his followers spread devotion to the Rosary that, in a very short time, the heresy disappeared and people returned to the true faith in great numbers.

One of the greatest Rosary victories of all time took place at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, when a mighty fleet of Moslems, heretics, and infidels threatened to invade and overrun all Europe. The saintly Pope Pius V called for Rosary crusades and Blessed Sacrament processions everywhere. The Christian forces, aboard their tiny fleet, publicly prayed the Rosary and received the Sacraments before going into battle against their enemies, who outnumbered them four to one, with bigger and more powerful ships. History records what happened.

In the beginning, the Christian fleet did not fare too well. But suddenly, in the midst of the battle, the wind, which had been against them, changed in their favor. This threw the Turkish fleet into confusion, with one Turkish ship shooting against the other. The battle raged into late afternoon, when a great storm arose, sinking many more of the Turkish ships. Finally, the few remaining Turkish ships fled in confusion, their power broken in the Mediterranean.

The Christian commander, Don Juan of Austria, publicly proclaimed that his triumph was due to the powerful intercession of the Queen of the Rosary. The Venetian Senate wrote to the other states which had taken part in the crusade: **"It was not generals, nor battalions nor arms that brought us victory; but it was Our Lady of the Rosary."**

Today, the enemy is Atheistic Communism. If enough people will take up the "sword of victory"—Our Lady's Rosary—and pray it every day, she will once more destroy another major heresy, bring

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about the defeat of Atheistic Communism, the promised triumph of her Immaculate Heart, and true peace in the Church, the world and in our hearts.

Rosary Rallies

There are many groups and individuals throughout the United States, working actively to promote devotion to the Rosary. A major campaign is being conducted by the Third Order Of St. Francis, seeking to obtain five million signatures of Catholics pledging to say the Rosary every day — and representing about 10% of the Catholic population of our country. The group had a Rosary Rally at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. on August 22nd, at which time many signatures were placed in the Lourdes Chapel. The campaign continues, and another Rosary Rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th at the Shrine. Many more signatures are needed. All who wish to pledge or help obtain signatures of others, can receive necessary information and petition forms by writing directly to:

Rosary Campaign
Third Order Of St. Francis
157 West Carpenter Lane
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119

A Rosary Rally, to honor Our Lady and pray for world peace, will be held Sunday, October 3, 1971, at 3:00 P.M., at the Utica, New York Memorial Auditorium, with procession from Oneida Square and other areas. Bishop David F. Cunningham will preside, and Fr. Daniel Lyons, S. J. editor, lecturer and author, will be the principal speaker.

One of the great needs of today is an adequate supply of Rosaries. There are never enough. We receive requests daily from all over the world for Rosaries, which we cannot supply. If you want to help Our Lady, by being part of her "supply corps," you can do so by helping to make Rosaries. Anyone can help, in all walks of life. You don't have to be an expert to become a Rosary-maker. All that is needed are willing hands and a heart filled with love for Jesus, Mary and souls. For information and supplies, write:

Our Lady's Rosary-Makers
4611 Poplar Level Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40213

Rosary Film Strip

There are many excellent ways, means, programs and instruments for promoting devotion to the Most Holy Rosary. The best we have ever seen is a 35mm filmstrip, narrated by Fr. Phillip Dion, C. M. It is in color and sound, with truly beautiful pictures, professionally acted, and lasting about 35 minutes. It tells the origin of the Rosary, various Rosary victories, and how to say it and apply it to the problems of our day. It is of such high quality that we recommend it to any and all groups, schools, parishes, individuals who want to promote the Rosary. Copies are available through our Apostolate at $25.00 each, and well worth every cent. See S-3, back page.

If you want a FREE Rosary, and copy of card containing Our Lady's 15 promises to those who say the Rosary, send 16c self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Mr. John F. Messmer
1393 E. Wakefield Court
Columbus, Ohio 43209

PART 2 - GARMENT OF SALVATION

Just what is this Brown Scapular Our Lady wants us to wear? What is its origin? Why is it so important?

In the year 1238, mounting difficulties threatened to overwhelm Our Lady's Carmelite Order. During the war of the Crusades, fanatic Saracens had driven the Community out of Palestine, its ancient and honored home since the day of the Phophet Elias. Now the helpless priests and brothers wandered through Europe, unknown and unwanted. In new and hostile surroundings, the Order struggled vainly to survive. It was apparent that Our Lady's Order might perish forever.

During this dark period of crisis, St. Simon Stock, Superior General of the Community, desperately beseeched the glorious Virgin of Carmel for some special sign of love; some act of heavenly intercession, which would bring support to her Order, and thus strengthen its rapidly weakening ranks. Over and over again he would say this beautiful Carmelite prayer:

"O beautiful flower of Carmel, most fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a pure Virgin, assist me in this necessity. O Star of the Sea, help and protect me. Show me that thou art my Mother!"

On the ever memorable night of July 16th, 1251, the Holy Mother of God gave an unprecedented answer to St. Simon Stock's petitions. Radiantly surrounded by a multitude of Angels, Our Lady of Mount Carmel appeared to the aged monk as he knelt in prayer at Aylesford, England. Presenting to him the Carmelite Brown Scapular, she made her Promise of unparalleled generosity — a promise of salvation — to you and to all who became affiliates of her Order of Carmelites:

"Receive this Brown Scapular. It is a sign of my Brotherhood. It is a Pledge of Salvation; a safeguard in danger. WHOSOEVER DIES WEARING THIS SCAPULAR SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE."

Like wildfire, this Promise of Life Eternal spread throughout Europe. Everywhere, people of all classes, Popes and Bishops, kings and artisans, heralded Our Lady's generosity and appealed to be invested with the Carmelite Brown Scapular. Her Order enjoyed a new rebirth, and from that time to the present day, has continued to flourish and grow strong.

Sabbatine Privilege

In the year 1322, the Queen Of Heaven appeared to Pope John XXII, and gave an even more remarkable Promise, when she revealed to him her Saturday or Sabbatine Privilege. According to the testimony issued in a Papal Bull by John XXII that year, Our Lady said to him:

"O John, Vicar of my well-beloved Son, I make thee my Vicar for the solemn gift, which I sought from my Son and have obtained by my prayers . . . so that with hastened step they shall pass over Purgatory, I, THE MOTHER OF GRACES, SHALL DESCEND ON THE SATURDAY AFTER THEIR DEATH, AND AS MANY AS I FIND IN PURGATORY (WEARING THE SCAPULAR), I SHALL FREE . . ." provided, as Our Lady explained, they fulfill three conditions.

These conditions are 1) that the person die wearing the Scapular; 2) that he or she lead a pure life according to one's state in life; and 3) that certain duties or prayers be performed or said, usually the saying of the daily Rosary. For those fulfilling these conditions, Our Lady promises that they will be in Heaven no later than the Saturday after death.

If you will stop for a moment to analyze these Scapular Promises, you will see they constitute two of the greatest promises ever given from Heaven to the people of earth. By fulfilling certain conditions, Our Lady gives you absolute control of your destiny, even to the time you will enter Heaven after death. But she has complained to Saints and mystics that too few people are willing to do what is necessary to fulfill the required conditions for so great a reward.

Pope after Pope, down through the past seven centuries, has proclaimed his belief in the Scapular Promises, many of them granting rich indulgences to the wearing of the Scapular. Pope John XXII proclaimed the Sabbatine Privilege; sixteen Popes since then have ratified this Papal Bull concerning the Privilege.

A Key To Heaven

Our Lady at Fatima asked that we her children, consecrate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart. Pope Pius XII has called the Brown Scapular, your **"Sign of Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of the Immaculate Virgin."** Sister Lucy has stated that when Our Lady appeared at Fatima as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, it was because she wants us to wear the Scapular; and the wearing of the Scapular is necessary to the complete fulfillment of the Fatima requests.

So, to please our Heavenly Mother, and for your own soul's sake, why not hasten to don Mary's Scapular of Brown . . . her Garment of Salvation. By so doing, and by trying to fulfill her requests of leading a good life, you will be secure in the knowledge you will win eternal happiness because the Mother of God has promised it — and she never has broken a promise. One of her greatest promises is: **"Whosoever shall die wearing this Scapular shall never suffer eternal fire."**

For a FREE Brown Scapular, (or Medal), plus leaflet with information on the Scapular promises and privileges, send 8c self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Father Howard Rafferty, O. Carm.
MARY — Carmelite Renewal Center
Cass Ave. North at Route 66—Box 65
Westmont, Illinois 60559

"THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER"

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loyal to the faith; loyal to Christ's Vicar; loyal to those entrusted to their pastoral care; loyal to their communities and to their country?

Who is there who would not agree that Bishops and priests — now more than ever — must be dedicated with a fiery zeal that consumes their very being, so that, as a result of their labors, men may walk in all goodness and justice and truth! (Ephesians). And should not this dedication be directed not only to the spiritual welfare, but also to the material needs of those they serve? Should they not show human concern for their fellowman, but to such a degree, and in such a manner, that distinguishes them as particular followers of Christ, sharers in His priesthood, who have come to serve rather than be served; who agonize with those in suffering, who are hungry with those who know want, who feel insult and injustice with those who are oppressed; who, in a word, take seriously the spiritual and corporal works of mercy?

And, who is there, who would deny that we must have Bishops and priests today who are humble, sincere, true and real, priests to the core; priests heart and soul, so much so that the image need not be created, or fashioned, or formed. It just is; it exists; it is real.

Priests Of Prayer

Now allow me to ask: Can any of this come about without prayer? Or rather, is it not true that all this will exist only to the degree that we are prayerful priests, men of prayer — public prayer and private prayer — enthusiastic participants in the liturgy of the Church; tireless men of prayer and meditation in the quiet of our hearts, in the solitude of our Lord within the Tabernacle of His Love. No doubt, all of you are doing much for souls with your hands and feet, **but I feel quite sure that you could do much more for them down on your knees.**

Dear Fathers and Friends, One last word: The Model of our priestly ideal is no other than Jesus Christ — the great High Priest. There is no substitute. It is in His footsteps you must walk; His virtues you must acquire; His goals you must seek. Therein lies the perfection and merit of your priestly life and labors!

This alliance, made freely between you and your God and Master cannot be bartered with. It brooks no dalliance with the valueless foibles of the world about you, nor with the degrading pleasures of our sensuous nature. Remember, it was an Apostle who was the first to test his priestly vocation. You know what the Lord said of him: **"It were better that this man had not been born."** We tearfully pray for those unfortunate brethren who, facing this challenge pitifully lost their courage. While we hopefully pray for you, the esteemed priests of this Diocese, who were so close and dear to me throughout the years of our ministry and association, that you may persevere and receive the crown which — by the grace of God — you shall have justly merited, through your unwavering faith and whole-hearted dedication.

ORATE PRO NOBIS!
QUI ORAT PRO VOBIS! AMEN!

At last, we are beginning to catch up a bit on the heavy volume of mail. If all goes well, our next issue, now being prepared, will be out in late October. We are in URGENT need of prayers for a special intention, concerning the work of our Apostolate. Thank you. We pray for you.

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My dear Jean,

I was pleased to hear from you. The welfare of Jim and yourself is a deep personal and sacerdotal concern of mine. It is unfortunate that individuals who through friendship become attached and addicted to one another, should be forced to live so far apart. Friendship is such a solace to the sustaining in age and imparting its wisdom.

Do not worry about Jim's present attitude. His bitterness with himself is not at all uncommon. Age, retirement, the accompanying consequent upon change readily produce hallucinations that upset one's equilibrium.

I am glad he received the promise of good Father Keating and that he had the courage to profit by it. The padre has a splendid spiritual background since as a former contemplative he had spent many years in the solitude of prayer and meditation. Let me remind you that frequent counsel is always advisable and helpful since it proceeds not from an individual but from the God-given grace that the priesthood provides.

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I pray and exhort the both of you to continue in this holy relation with the padre. I consider and revere you as exceptional persons, worthy of my esteem as well as solicitude. Your qualities are exceptional, more spiritual than worldly, truly cultural and refined. From these impressions I cannot but wish to see you closer to God, clearer in your final destiny, more prayerful in your personal convictions.

I know you will not consider my words intrusion in this regard but rather as impelled by my love and regard for you. Religion, now Jean and Jim, is important to you. I have given my life and work to it. I pray to retain it. reward. The salvation of souls - my own included depends on it. Is it not worth considering, isn't it wise to ask the question: What of my own soul? The Lord himself puts it bluntly: "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and in the end loses his soul?"

Dear friends, excuse the preaching. Take it as a mere reminder of thoughts.

Do keep your promise to visit me but do let me know about it too. God love and bless you in peace, happiness and peace.

Devotedly yours.

+ Aloysius Willinger

May 25-72.

My dear Friends.
James and Jean,

My conscience prompts me to make an apology for the lapse of communication between us since your lovely letter of some months ago. The expectation of a visit from you undoubtedly had something to do with it. A more probable reason was my state of health. The Jubilee festivities so conducive to the joy of a friendly soul, unfortunately brought on a worse. I suffered a collapse that deadened my spirit and still affects my physical activities. Though I neglected human ties, I can truthfully confess that I still bore you in mind and prayer. I never forget you.

The last I actually worried about you - not having received any report from the Valley of Carmel. In Jean's last letter the remark was made that James was not himself, that he was emotionally disturbed and that she was quite upset by it.

I too am worried about St James and daily ask the Lord to remove things from your mind that could be causing the irregularity.

I think that trip to Texas, particularly in the glorious Springtime of the year, could do you a world of good. It is a little more exciting here than at Carmel. When you do make up your mind, forget the hotel or motel necessity. I have rooms enough for the both of you and would love to have the privilege. Just please.

I was quite set on going to Carmel last week. A very dear friend of mine died - Miss Alice de Steiguer. A brilliant woman - a convert from Unitarianism when she was held in high esteem. She & her husband - both deceased Russian Counts. There was fog here and I hesitated to attempt it.

Guess the writing. My editorial career is rapidly ending. I pray you are well and resting as usual. Just pray a little and I will recover your health. Love to you both. May God bless you

Devotedly & Affectionately in

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Dear James and Jean,

It was a delight to hear from you and more of a delight to receive word that at least you were accepting my hospitality. The days you suggest are perfectly acceptable. Just advise me by phone the time of your intent of arrival. The Sisters prepare supper for 5 P.M. However - if you are delayed on the way or hijacked - will keep the dishes appetizing till you finally reach here. I'll expect you then on June 12 If otherwise let me know by phone. My number is 237-8758 - the house number is 233-0046. Either phone is available to me. So keep well and very rested or meet. Don't worry about the Bishop's Roof falling in on you. And I plan this joy of my retirement and desirability to visit you. Yours in the Lord - Yours truly

Door to your bold.

+ Aden Saucedo D.D.

June 15 - 72

Dear Jean,

I deeply regret to learn that James was impeded from coming to Ithaca last Monday. We were all prepared for you and it was the weather - warm and balmy and no chance for a cold.

I hope James finds better and a stronger by so soon. Old Cornell is no place for anyone. That is why the Indians left it - to us - as perfect necessary to comfort.

I'll dream of seeing you when all are well and look no fear of a Valley Evening with its fragrance and delightful fruit. James may be so former but he is decidedly an athlete and could enjoy nature in holiday attire.

Tell James to breathe low deeply and get well. I pray for you daily.

With deep regard and love

Yours truly

H. J. Willinger Jr

RL

Telegram to be delivered
Monday morning

Bishop A. J. Willinger
3611 Huntington Blvd.
Fresno . Ca. 93702

James ill with ~~flu~~ severe ~~bad~~ cold. regret
exceedingly temporary
cancellation of visit.
Tried both ~~2~~ telephone numbers
you sent ~~us~~ without
success, so sending
telegram hoping you
not to inconvenienced.
will keep in touch by letter
Jean and James Dickie

Dear Bishop Willinger:

We regret causing you the inconvience of so many communications, thus adding to your doubtless already ~~doubtless so~~ crowded desk. ~~Nevertheless~~ However we appreciated your continued expressions of friendship and concern for us.

~~We the~~

We hope that it will not be too long before we see you. We shall certainly let you know well in advance so as not to interfere with your activities.

Jean and I are both well. ~~and~~ Communicating with you is always inspiring to us.

We send our love to you.

James and Jean.

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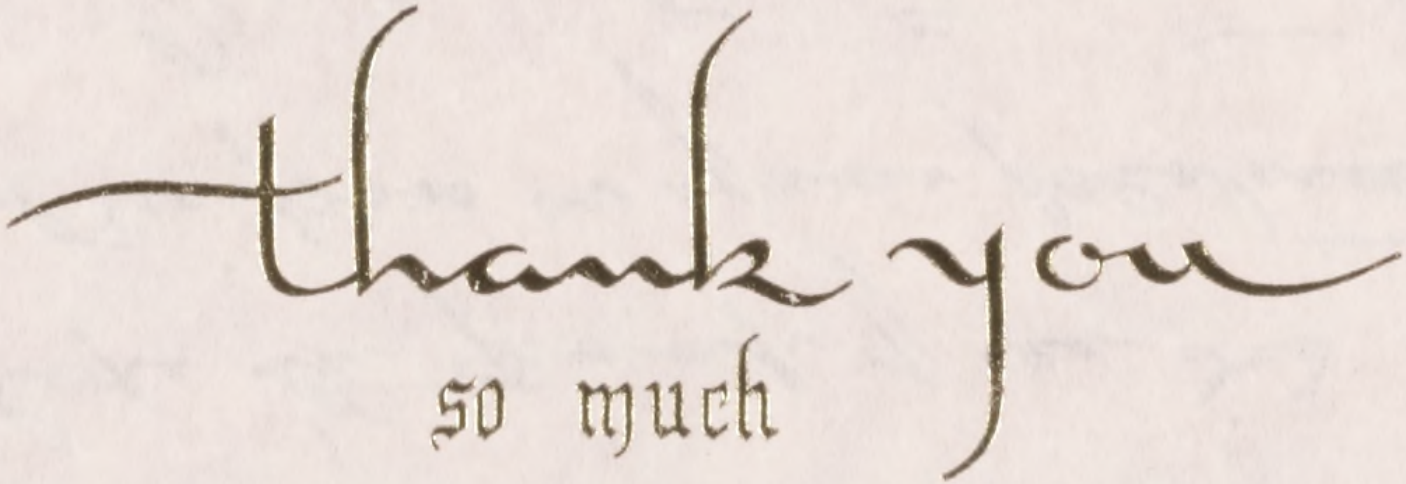

"I THANK MY GOD UPON EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU." PHILIPPIANS 1:3

Dear James and Jean:

We had a marvelous time at your Kindi home. I hope the grasp of us did not impose on your politeness.

We must meet again. So do keep your promise to call her at my residence - 3611 Huntington Blvd and "break bread" with the Bishop. All that is needed - is a note in advance.

Take care of yourselves and may the good Lord guide your feet and sustain your zeal.

Devotedly

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